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EO 11652 GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, EFIS, DR  
SUB: BILATERAL FISHERIES AND MARTIME BOUNDARY DISCUSSIONS

REF: STATE 199255

1. FOREIGN UNDER SECRETARY MARTE DE BARRIOS ADVISED CHARGE THAT DOMINICANS WOULD PREFER HAVE FISHERIES AND MARITIME BOUNDARY DISCUSSION WITH U.S. TEAM WEEK OF OCTOBER 17, SINCE FOREIGN SECRETARY DESIRES BE ON HAND FOR THESE DISCUSSIONS AND HE EXPECTS TO BE OCCUPIED WITH U.N. MATTERS IN LATE SEPTEMBER AND EARLY OCTOBER.

2. FOREIGN SECRETARIAT NOTE RECEIVED SEVERAL DAYS AGO STATES THAT GODR READY TO DISCUSS INFORMALLY WITH USG IMPACT THAT DELIMITATION OF MARITIME ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION ZONE, ESTABLISHED BY NATIONAL LAW, MAY HAVE ON U.S. FISHERMEN AND AT THE SAME TIME, DETERMINE POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATING A BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON THIS MATTER. NOTE CONTINUES THAT THESE INFORMAL NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARD DETAILS INDICATED IN THE EMBASSY NOTE (SENT PURSUANT DEPTTEL 107512), INCLUDING CONVERSATIONS ON TECHNICAL AID AND USE OF TECHNICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR THE PURPOSES PROPOSED.

(COMMENT: IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS, EMBOFFS INDICATED AND FONSEC OFFICIALS AGREED THAT THE CONSULTATIONS COULD  
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PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMPARE MARITIME MEASURING TECHNIQUES AND THAT THIS COULD BE OF ASSISTANCE TO DOMINICANS IN DEVELOPING THEIR EXPERTISE.)

3. EMBASSY EXPECTS THAT AMBASSADOR HURWITCH (CURRENTLY ON LEAVE) WILL LEAD U.S. DELEGATION. PLEASE ADVISE RE MEMBERS TO BE SENT FROM WASHINGTON. FOREIGN UNDERSECRETARY MARTE

INDICATED THAT GODR DELEGATION WOULD BE SELECTED TO  
CORRESPOND TO NATURE OF U.S. DELEGATION.

4. FINAL VERSION OF GODR 200-MILE LAW POUCHED TODAY.  
(DOMINICAN OAS DELEGATE SENT IT TO OAS SECRETARY GENERAL LAST  
JUNE WITH REQUEST HE DISTRIBUTE IT TO OAS MEMBER STATES).

5. ACCORDING FOREIGN UNDER SECRETARY, GODR HAS THUS FAR NOT  
CONCLUDED ANY FISHERIES ARRANGEMENTS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES BUT  
IS CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING ONE WITH COLOMBIA.  
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